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Synthes (U.S.A.) hereby states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest of the above-identified application. An assignment from the inventors to Synthes (U.S.A.) for the above-identified application was recorded on April 26, 2004 and assigned Reel/Frame 015266/0654. The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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